

SECTION 508

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Main Purpose:

-Ensures that people with disabilities have equitable access to communication and information technology

Updates of the rule allows for the most current/efficient technology to support equity



Examples of Technology:

smartphones/mobile devices
-laptop computer
-speech to text
-software/operating systems

Difference between Section 508 and Section 501:

Section 508 requires that the federal government procure, create, use and maintain ICT that is accessible to people with disabilities, regardless of whether or not they work for the federal government.

Section 501 covers Reasonable Accommodation for an individual with a disability who is either an applicant for a federal government job or already works for the federal government.

